Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A content on demand system comprising:
logic to compose information about multiple audio and/or video streams into an audio
and/or video stream format; and
logic to communicate the information about multiple audio and/or video streams to a
plurality of set top boxes.

2. The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple
audio and/or video streams further comprises:
information about content categories.

3. The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple
audio and/or video streams further comprises:
information about audio and/or video titles.

4. The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:
logic to compose an index of audio and/or video information into the audio and/or
video stream format.

5. The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:
logic to alternatively deliver the information about multiple audio and/or video
streams on a first tunable channel and on a second tunable channel.

6. The content on demand system of claim 5, wherein the information about multiple
audio and/or video streams further comprises:
information about content categories.

7. The content on demand system of claim 5, wherein the information about multiple audio and/or video streams further comprises:
information about audio and/or video titles.

8. The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:
logic to alternatively deliver the index of audio and/or video information on a first tunable channel and on a second tunable channel.

9. The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:
logic to receive from a set top box a request for an audio and/or video stream, the request comprising an identifier of a title of the audio and/or video stream.

10. A set top box comprising:
logic to tune to a channel comprising an index of audio and/or video information having a format of audio and/or video streams, to read the index, and to apply the index to identify one or more channels comprising information describing audio and/or video content.

11. The set top box of claim 10, wherein the logic to tune to a channel comprising an index of audio and/or video information having a format of audio and/or video streams further comprises:
logic to read information from the channel comprising an index of audio and/or video information and, when the channel contains an indication of invalid information, to tune to an alternate channel comprising the index in the format of audio and/or video streams, and to read the index from the alternate channel.

12. The set top box of claim 10, further comprising:

logic to tune to a channel comprising information about at least one audio and/or video stream, the information about at least one audio and/or video stream formatted as an audio and/or video stream, read the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream, and display the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream.

13. The set top box of claim 12, wherein the logic to tune to a channel comprising information about at least one audio and/or video stream further comprises:
logic to read information from the channel and, when the channel contains an indication of invalid information, to tune to an alternate channel comprising the index in the format of audio and/or video streams, and to read the index from the alternate channel.

14. The set top box of claim 12, wherein the logic to tune to a channel comprising information about at least one audio and/or video stream further comprises:
logic to read the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream from the channel and, when the channel contains an indication of invalid information, to tune to an alternate channel comprising the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream, and to read the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream from the alternate channel.

15. A set top box comprising:
logic to locate in the content index a channel comprising audio and/or video title information, and to tune to the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information, and to locate the audio and/or video title information in the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information, and to apply the audio and/or video title information and a service group identifier in a request communicated to an on-demand server system.

16. The set top box of claim 15, further comprising:

logic to locate in the content index an alternate channel comprising audio and/or video title information, and to tune to the alternate channel comprising the audio and/or video title information when the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information comprises an indication of invalid data.